



# **LCF Knock Out Cup Competition 2026**

## **Playing Conditions**

All matches are to be played under the ECB Generic 45 Over Playing Conditions, except as otherwise provided for in these rules, and in accordance with the ECB Code of Conduct and General Conduct Regulations

### **Additions/Amendments to ECB Generic 45 Over Playing Conditions**

#### **1. Duration**

1. All matches will consist of one innings per side, and each innings will be limited to 45 six-ball overs. A minimum of 10 overs per team will constitute a match (subject to the provision of ECB Generic 45 Over Regulation 8). However, In case of potential inclement weather, if both Captains agree before the toss takes place the number of overs in each innings may be reduced to no less than 20 overs per side. For the avoidance of doubt where this is adopted these Regulations will still apply.

#### **2. Hours of Play and Intervals**

2.1 Normal start time will be 1pm (except for the final), or, with the agreement of both captains this may be amended to 1.30pm

#### **7. Wide Bowling - Judging a wide**

In addition to Law 22 the following will apply.

1. Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. A Wide Ball shall be called if, irrespective of where the ball pitches, it passes on the leg side of the striker and the leg stump, despite the striker's movement. (For additional clarity, a ball that passes between the batsman and the leg stump shall not be called a wide. If a ball is hit by the batsman or if the ball hits any part of his equipment, it shall not be called a wide, irrespective of where it pitched or would have passed.)
2. Pitch markings shall include lines, 17 inches (43.18cms) inside either return crease as an aid to umpires in judging whether an offside wide has been bowled. These lines shall be coloured blue.
3. If the striker plays a switch hit or reverse sweep or gets into a position to play such a shot, he shall be deemed to bring the ball equally within his reach on the leg side as on the off side. Consequently, in these circumstances, Clause 1 above shall not apply and the guidance given in Clause 2 shall apply on both the off side and the leg side

#### **8. The Result**

DLS will be calculated by using Duckworth Lewis Stern (DLS) Method in all rounds using the D/L Calculator in the Play-Cricket Scorer App (DLS V5)

If a result cannot be achieved based on any of the above, a bowl out as detailed below (outdoors or indoors) will take place to achieve a result.

**It is the responsibility of the host club to make sure that the Play-Cricket Scorer 'App' is available and that the 'Par Score' is clearly displayed on the scoreboard during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings prior to each over starting.**

**Both Teams/Umpires/Scorers need to familiarise themselves with how the 'App' works in the event of rain delays.**

### **Bowl-Outs**

If a match cannot be completed as above and both teams agree, then a bowl out using the following procedure can be used to determine the winning team:

The Umpires shall be in sole charge and their decision shall be final.

- Five players from each team, in the order nominated to the umpires, will each bowl two fair over-arm deliveries at a wicket and from a wicket (conforming to Law 8, e.g. including bails) pitched at a distance of 22 yards with, if practicable, bowling, popping and return creases (conforming to Law 9).
- If the original match has started, the five cricketers to take part in the 'bowl-out' must be selected from the 11 players named on the team sheet.
- If there has been no play in the original match (i.e. the toss has not taken place), the five cricketers may be selected from any of the players in the squad as registered on Play-Cricket.
- The captains will toss a coin and the winner will decide which team bowls first.
- One umpire will stand at the bowlers end to adjudge 'no balls', the other will stand at square leg to remake the wicket and check the position of a wicket-keeper, he will also look for no balls (bowlers action) and for the ball pitching prior to the stumps.
- Each team will appoint a wicket-keeper to stand behind the wicket but out of reach of the stumps.
- The same suitably acceptable ball (not a new one) will be used by both teams. If this ball becomes wet, it may be changed subject to the Umpires' approval.
- If a bowler bowls a 'no ball' it will count as one of his two deliveries but will not count towards the score of the team. A fair delivery must pitch before reaching the wicket and only bounce once.
- The first bowler from 'Team A' will bowl two deliveries, then the first bowler from 'Team B' will bowl two deliveries, then the second bowler from 'Team A' will bowl two deliveries, etc.
- The team which bowls down the wicket (as defined in Law 29.1) most times shall be the winner.

If the scores are equal, the other players from each team will bowl, in the order nominated to the umpires, one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

If circumstances make the bowl out impossible, the match shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

### **Other Matters**

Neutral umpires will be appointed to all games by the Lancashire Association of Cricket Officials.

Captains and Umpires are reminded that they must agree on the covering of the pitch before the toss is made. Every effort must be made to protect the pitch before and during the match.

A 'New' Grade 'A' Cricket Ball made in England must be used at the start of each innings. Each club is to bowl with its own ball.

Straight after all games the winning team is responsible for putting the FULL scorecard onto Play-Cricket within 48Hrs. The losing team needs to verify the scorecard as being correct by ticking the appropriate area.

In the event of any disagreement, the club will have 5 days (, i.e., by midnight on the Friday following a Sunday match) to submit this in writing to the competition organiser and LKO Cup secretary.

The LCF League Executive Group shall have the power to amend the Playing Conditions and Guidance Document from time to time.